

REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration of this application in light of the following discussion is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-25 are presently active in this case. The present Amendment amends Claims 1, 7 and 12; adds new Claims 17-25 without introducing any new matter.

First, Applicant wishes to thank the Examiner for the courtesy of an interview granted to Applicant's representative on August 22, 2006, at which time the outstanding issues in this case were discussed. Amendments similar to the ones presented herewith and Arguments similar to the ones developed hereinafter were presented and the Examiner indicated that the amended claims appear to overcome the outstanding grounds for rejection upon formal submission of a response.

Briefly recapitulating Applicant's invention, as recited in Claim 1, is directed to a telecommunications method for establishing a connection between a mobile device of a participant and a destination number. In a first step, a message is sent from the mobile device to a callback computer, ***the message including the destination number and information which requests a call from the mobile device to the destination number*** in order to establish the connection between the mobile device and the destination number. In a second step, a connection is established by the callback computer between the mobile device of the participant and the destination number, wherein the second step includes the following sub-steps. Before establishment of the connection, a remaining credit of participant is checked in a prepaid module connected to the callback computer. The mobile device is called by said callback computer. Then, only if the remaining credit exceeds a predetermined amount, ***the destination number is called by the callback computer***, thereby establishing the connection between the mobile device and the destination number.

Turning now to the applied prior art, the Donovan et al. patent (U.S Patent No. 6,075,982) discloses a method for setting up a call in a telecommunications network including sending transaction capabilities application part messages containing prepaid parameters between a wireless enhanced service platform and a prepaid platform. However, and as acknowledged by the Office Action dated March 23, 2006, the Donovan et al. patent fails to disclose the claimed message, including the destination number and information which requests a call from the mobile device to the destination number. The Donovan et al. patent also fails to disclose the claimed second step of establishing the connection by the callback computer between the mobile device and the destination number, as now recited in amended Claim 1.

The Office Action dated March 23, 2006 and the Advisory Action dated August 7, 2006 rely on the Kennedy et al. patent (U.S Patent No. 6,009,330) for the teachings of a message sent from the mobile device to a callback computer, the message including a destination number. The Kennedy et al. patent discloses a method wherein a mobile unit (12) generates call delivery information and communicates this information to a platform (18) using the data communications network (16). The platform (18) receives a call for the mobile unit (12). The platform (18) retrieves call delivery information received from the mobile unit (12) and establishes communications between the platform (18) and the mobile unit (12) using the mobile voice communications network (20). The Kennedy et al. patent, however, fails to disclose the claimed message including the destination number, as now defined in the amended claims. The Kennedy et al. patent further fails to teach the claimed second step of establishing the connection by the callback computer between the mobile device and the destination number, as now recited in the amended claims. In particular, in the Kennedy et al. method, the mobile unit (12) does not send a message including a destination number that

is then called by the platform (18), thereby establishing a connection between the mobile unit 12 and the destination number.

The Gottesman patent (U.S Patent No. 5,898,766) was cited for the teaching of a message including information that requests a call from the mobile device to the destination number. However, the Gottesman patent does not remedy the above-noted deficiencies of the Donovan et al. and Kennedy et al. patents. Therefore, even if the combination of these three references is assumed to be proper, the combination fails to teach every limitation recited in the claims. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully traverses, and requests reconsideration of, the rejections reported in the Office Action dated March 23, 2006 based on these patents.¹ Therefore, the amended claims are believed to be patentably distinct from the applied prior art and allowable.

New dependent Claims 17-25 are added to vary the scope of protection in the claims. The new claims find support in the disclosure as filed originally, for example from page 4, line 14 to page 6, line 25 (in particular page 6, lines 7-26), along with Fig. 1. Therefore, the new claims do not raise a question of new matter. The features recited in new Claims 17-25 are not taught nor suggested by the prior art. Therefore, Claims 17-25 are further believed to be allowable.

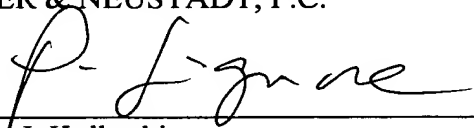
Consequently, in view of the present amendment, no further issues are believed to be outstanding in the present application, and the present application is believed to be in condition for formal Allowance. A Notice of Allowance for Claims 1-25 is earnestly solicited.

¹ See MPEP 2142 stating, as one of the three "basic criteria [that] must be met" in order to establish a *prima facie* case of obviousness, that "the prior art reference (or references when combined) must teach or suggest all the claim limitations," (emphasis added). See also MPEP 2143.03: "All words in a claim must be considered in judging the patentability of that claim against the prior art."

Should the Examiner deem that any further action is necessary to place this application in even better form for allowance, the Examiner is encouraged to contact Applicant's undersigned representative at the below listed telephone number.

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